Protect Your Data Online



Prevent Ransomware Attacks

Keep your anti-virus and other malware software updated.

Back up your data regularly.

 Make sure you only conduct business on secure networks and through legitimate URLs.

Conduct a risk analysis of your network and security systems and conduct your own hacking attempts to find any security gaps. Patch vulnerabilities as soon as you find them.

Allow only approved, verified programs and software to run on your computer and networks.



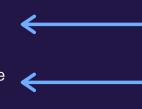
Protect Against Hacking

Be careful about what information you share with organizations online. Don't disclose private information like Social Security numbers, banking numbers, or birth dates unless absolutely necessary.

Use multifactor authentication on all of your accounts.

Monitor your financial statements for irregularities and request a free credit report at annualcreditreport.com.

Don't download or install software or programs if you're not sure of their authenticity.



Avoid Phishing Scams

 Don't click on links or download attachments in messages from people you don't know.

Double check that websites are legitimate by looking for "https" and the lock icon in the URL address bar.

 Don't share personal or financial data online unless it's absolutely necessary.

Keep an eye out for changes in your online accounts that may indicate unauthorized access.



Report data privacy attacks to the FBI and scam attempts to the FTC and NCDOJ's Consumer Protection Division(ncdoj.gov/complaint or 1-855-NO-SCAM).